

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- July 29: Last day to register to vote for the city primary
- August 8: Day ballots will be mailed for the city primary

PAUL'S NOTE

My staff had a surprise visit earlier this week from Captain Carla Johnson of the Tucson Police Department.

Johnson is the new Commander of TPD's Operations Division East. She has served for 27 years. She comes to this job with a wealth of experience as a patrol officer, bicycle officer, sex crimes detective and internal affairs investigator.

Johnson noted that in her time as a patrol officer and sergeant, the east side was one of the few places she did not work in Tucson. That's one of the reasons she reached out to my office so soon into her term. She'll have an opportunity to meet with neighborhood leaders and find out about our unique challenges when the District Advisory Committee meets in a couple of weeks.

I look forward to working with Captain Johnson and I hope that my office's working relationship with her is as good as it was with the man she replaced, Captain Jim Rizzi.

In my exuberance to talk up a presentation given to mayor and council in my last newsletter, I missed giving credit to a group of people that have been doing some hard work on improving the TCC. I failed to give proper credit to the team that has been working hard on putting together those plans: Ron Lewis, Elaine Weaver, local architect Phil Swaim and the Rio Nuevo board.

I can't say enough about how much of a big

deal the improvements that Lewis and his team have set in motion are. Our community has been asking for these improvements for years. We are finally working our way to the first class facility that our city deserves.

On another note, those of you that have driven by the office have noticed the steel cistern in front of the office. It's tall and sticks out enough that a few people have called asking what it is. It's for harvesting rainwater. It was built three years ago as part of a grant and it is part of a drip irrigation system for the landscaping at the office. This fall, the system will be fully automated so that no one will need to flip a switch or turn a valve to water our plants with renewable rainwater.

I'd like to thank Watershed Management Group, who not only set up the system but have



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assigned two citizen "stewards" to monitor the project as well as others around town.

As you all know, I've been a staunch advocate for rainwater harvesting and water conservation in general. I hope that what we have been doing at the Ward 2 office provides a model to homeowners and businesses all over Tucson.

One last note: FC Tucson is having their final home game of the season, and their last one at Kino Field 5. They have a call out to "pack the house" and beat their previous record turnout of 1,022. Hot dogs will be \$3 and military members get in for \$10 as they take on BYU at 7:00

on Saturday. Also, remember Tucson's women's team: TSA FC opens their playoff run in Sacramento against the San Diego SeaLions at 6:00.

Have a great weekend.

NETWORKING PARTY

The Event at 6350 E Tanque Verde is staging a "Christmas in July Networking Party" on July 26 at 5:45 pm.

There will be over \$1000 in door prizes, and entertainment by Pete Rodriguez and John Clark. A \$10 entry fee gets you two drinks and a plate of appetizers.

Tucson, meet other business professionals, and entrepreneurs!

Network, connect, share, interact, and above all have fun!

"This is not your ordinary networking event"

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Starting in July, the Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program is changing the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a "mobile" event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 council office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by

turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday:

July: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave

August: El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W Speedway Blvd

September: Himmel Park, 1000 N Tucson Blvd

October: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave

November: Mansfield Park, 2000 N 4th Ave

December: Purple Heart Park, 100050 E Rita Ranch Rd

HOME WATER AUDIT

Whether temps soar to 106° or plunge to 23°, being water efficient is important every day of the year. Tucson Water offers free expert advice to help you conserve water, stop leaks and reduce utility bills.

A water efficiency expert from the Tucson Water Zanjero Program will visit your home, review water-use habits, check water fixtures and irrigation systems and install free faucet aerators and showerheads, if needed. Customers also receive a survey of their water use. You must be at home during the two hour Zanjero visit.

For nearly 17 years, Zanjeros have helped Tucson Water customers use water more efficiently inside and outside the home. Schedule your free Zanjero visit today via e-mail TW_web@tucsonaz.gov or phone 520 791-3242

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

El Rio Community Health Center, Cox Communications, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, Pima County Health Department and Century Link are joining forces to provide back to school immunizations.

Children ages 5-18 are eligible. Please bring current immunization records. Parent or guardian must be present. Please bring an AHCCCS, KidsCare or insurance card. If you don't have insurance, there is no cost.

July 18: Steve Daru Clubhouse, 1375 N El Rio Dr, 3-6 pm

July 25: Jim & Vicki Click Clubhouse, 1935 S Columbus Blvd, 3-6 pm

July 27: Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse, 2585 E 36th St, 10 am - 2 pm

August 3: Roy Drachman Clubhouse, 5901 S Santa Clara Rd, 10 am - 2 pm

For more information, call Robert Baca at 243-7736 or e-mail at Robert.baca@pima.gov



VIRTUAL STUFF THE BUS

It's stuff the bus time again, only this time there is no bus.

The Educational Enrichment Foundation is taking donations on Saturday, July 20. Please drop your donations of school supplies and new clothing in the collection

boxes available now at St. Marks Presbyterian Church, Tucson Fallas and Factory-2-U locations as well as at Office Depot, Shoe Carnival and Chick-Fil-A at El Con.

Or, please join us in person and enjoy the festivities from 9am to 1pm at the EEF office at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E 3rd St.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RACEWAY

The public is invited to an informational meeting about the proposed Southern Arizona Raceway on Tuesday, July 23, at the Pima County Fairgrounds.

The meeting, organized by the Pima County Economic Development and Tourism Department from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Sunset Cantina, will also be an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposal.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors has approved seeking bids conditioned upon comments from the public, to lease 400 acres of County land south of the fairgrounds – at 11900 S. Harrison Road – to build and operate a professional racetrack.

The track being proposed is a Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) Grade 2 Complex. It would accommo-

date multiple types of racing vehicles including Indy-type cars, sports cars, motorcycles, and NASCAR.

Formula One racing is not being considered because it is very expensive to build all of the unique amenities required specifically for Formula One racing and the possibility of securing a Grade 1 license from the FIA is limited.

A minimum investment of \$15 million is expected from a successful Grade 2 Complex bidder.

Four racetracks or motorsports attractions now operate near the fairgrounds: Tucson Speedway at Tucson Raceway Park, Merle's SIR Dragway, Musselman Honda Circuit, and M.C. Motorsports Park at PMP.

The Sunset Cantina, where the meeting is being held, is located at the Pima County Fairgrounds, one mile south of I-10 off of Houghton Road Exit #275.

Directions to the Cantina:

From I-10: Exit 275, Houghton Road. One mile south to Brekke Road. West on Brekke approximately 1/16 of a mile to gate on the left. Follow the signs.

From Corona and Sahuarita: Houghton Road, north to Brekke Road. West on Brekke 1/16 of a mile to gate on the left. Follow the signs.

From Rita Ranch: Houghton Road south to Brekke Road. West on Brekke 1/16 of a mile to gate on the left. Follow the signs.

R O A D R A C E S

The events include: 1-mile predict, 2K and 5K (distance may vary depending on location). Costs: Adults \$4.00 and Children \$3.00. Registration is on-site and at 5:45 p.m. The events begin at 6:30 p.m. Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track/Field meet and Road Race. The final road race of the season will be at Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th Street, South end, July 18

P O O L H O U R S

It's hot outside! Come take a swim at one of our City pools and cool off; The Summer pool season ends soon and July 31. The Fall schedule will begin August 1, and will be published in the Parks and Recreation Fall Program Guide and Class Catalog.

The Tucson Parks and Recreation has partnered with the YMCA of Southern Arizona to open three additional City pools, Jesse Owens, and Kennedy. Public swim time for the three pools are Saturdays only from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Lighthouse/City YMCA 795-9725

Note that Escalante and Freedom park pools are open due to support from local businesses and our Summer Splash program. These are open five days a week.

**S E N I O R
P R O G R A M**

Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a trip to Park Place Mall on Thursday, July 25. Departure from Udall Center is 9:45 a.m. and returning at 2 p.m. Sign ups are taken at the front desk. Call 791-4121 for additional information. The cost is \$2.00 per person

**C E N T E R
C L O S U R E S**

The following East District Recreation Centers will be closed for annual maintenance on the dates listed below:

Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive
July 29-August 2

Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street
July 29- August 1

Randolph Center, 200 S. Alvernon Way
August 5-10

Udall Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde
August 12-17

**R E C R E A T I O N
G U I D E**

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Summer 2013 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published and is available for pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. The summer issue can also be viewed on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec.

The Program Guide contains complete information on leisure classes, swim lessons, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports program, sports camps, registration, the Discount Program, and much more.

**S U M M E R
T R A C K A N D
F I E L D**

Summer Track and Field for youth will begin soon. The events include: Long Jump, Turbo Javelin (ages 18 & under), Shot Put, High Jump, 50 Meter Dash (ages 5 and under), 100, 200, 400 Meter Dash-es, 800, 1600, 3200 Meter Runs, 4 X 100 Relay, and 4 X 400 Relay. The cost is \$3 for youths 17 and under, \$4 for adults 18 and over. On-site registration at 5:45 p.m. and events begin at 6:30 p.m.

Events take place every Tuesday through July 16; The events are held at the University of Arizona, Roy P. Drachman Stadium (Plummer & 15th Street). Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track Meet.

For further information, call the City Sports Office at 791-4870.

SHRED-A-THON

2013 will mark the 6th year the Pima County Sheriff's Department has provided this valuable service free-of-charge to the community. All confirmed event dates are on Saturdays, and all shredding events will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- September 14 at Kino Sports Complex- 2500 E. Ajo Way
- November 16 at Empire High School- 10701 E. Maryann Cleveland Way



T.E.P. PARTNERS

Lower your electricity bill by tracking your power use! TEP is enrolling participants on a first come first serve basis to join an energy monitoring project to help you save on your electricity bill.

Enroll now by visiting enroll.teppowerpartners.com and sign up to while spaces last. You will be contacted by a representative to schedule your installation. A technician will set up and install equipment at your home and show you how to track your use and see your energy savings online.

This program is a free-of-cost pilot program to help TEP customers save electricity and money, so sign up while there's still time! Learn more and sign up by visiting enroll.teppowerpartners.com.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor and Council meetings are still on their summer schedule, so the next meeting will be on August 6. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>.



We're on the web!
Cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward2

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Please bring these items to the Ward
2 Office for the following charities:
THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable Items
DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers
TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need
LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses
DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—
Ballet/Dance Equipment
CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

